



Attorney Docket No. P71166US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of MADSEN et al.

Application No. 10/574,916

Group Art Unit 1611

Filed April 7, 2006

Examiner Isis Ghali

For: A COMPOSITION USEFUL AS AN ADHESIVE AND USE OF SUCH A COMPOSITION

**RESPONSE
TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2009, requiring multiple elections of species—corresponding to items numbered 1, 4, 7, 10, and 13 in the Office Action.

Pursuant to the requirement for elections of species, applicants elect, with traverse:

1. *species b)*, polyvinyl pyrrolidones or copolymers containing polyvinyl pyrrolidones.

Claims 1-3 and 5-36 read on the elected species.

4. *species a)*, triblock copolymer having formula ABA, diblock copolymer having formula AB, or multiblock or multi arm star-shaped copolymer containing A and B blocks.

Claims 1-21 and 23-36 read on the elected species.

7. *species a)*, polymerized styrene. Claims 1-13 and 23-36 read on the elected species.

10. *species* homopolymer or copolymer of polyvinylpyrrolidone. Claims 1-18 and 21-36 read on the elected species.

13. *species c*), medical device adapted for being attached to the surface of a living being comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive at the surface, which is to be attached to the surface of the living being, claim 26. Claims 1-28, 35, and 36 read on the elected species.

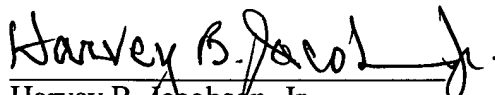
Traverse is maintained because the requirement (Office Action, page 10) incorrectly states: "The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims." On the contrary, the examiner has not required "restriction between product and process claims"—or any other "restriction," for that matter—and, so, applicants have made no election (hereby) between product and process claims. Consequently, neither product claims nor process claims (as a group) can be withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the instant elections of species.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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